Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Helen Humphreys was born on January 1, 1905, in Magnolia, Minnesota, to Ole and Carrie Hansen; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Helen attended Nettleton Community College and upon graduation worked at the YMCA and completed 15 years of service with John Morrell & Company where she also sang in the Morrell choir which performed for traveling shows that came to Sioux Falls; and,

Whereas, Helen married Hiram Humphreys in 1939, and to this union two children were born: Mary and Robert, who in turn blessed them with six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Helen was active in the Hartford community, the Hartford Methodist Church and the Eastern Star of which she is a 50-year plus member and was always known for having fresh baked goods when anyone stopped at the farm to visit; and,

Whereas, Helen's thoughtfulness and positive attitude are her strengths as she loves helping others, including her parents, whom she cared for in her home for many years; and,

Whereas, Helen will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 1, 2005, as

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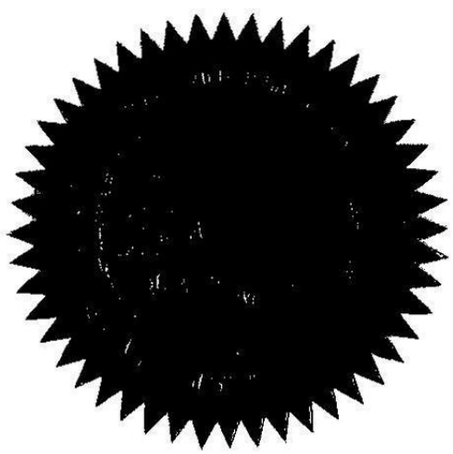
in South Dakota, and I join all her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State